

an application program for producing document data, said application program having a function to send a print instruction to print the document data; and

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a printer driver activated by the print instruction of said application program, said printer driver having a function to convert the document data provided by said application program into a predetermined data format and a function to transmit the converted document data via electronic mail;

wherein the printer driver is capable of selecting the predetermined data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language (PDL) format.

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10. (Amended) A method for transmitting document data prepared by an application program via electronic mail, the method comprising the steps of:

transferring the document data to a printer driver by sending from said application program a print instruction for printing the document data;

selecting a predetermined data format suitable for electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language data format;

converting the document data into a predetermined data format by said printer driver; and

transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail by an electronic mail transmitting function provided to said printer driver.

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11 (Amended) A processor readable medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform a function of a printer driver, comprising:

first program code means for designating document data to be transmitted via electronic mail, the document data being provided to said printer driver in accordance with a print instruction;

second program code means for converting the document data into a predetermined data format; and

third program code means for transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail;

wherein said second program code means includes program code means for selecting a predetermined data format suitable for electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language data format.

Please add new Claim 14 as follows:

14. (New) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said printer driver includes means for determining the predetermined data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission being performed.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.